

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:366
ANSWERED ON:22.02.2001
SC/ST JUDGES
ARUN KUMAR;MANJAY LAL

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Dalit Judges appointed to the Supreme Court and High Courts during the last three years;
- (b) whether the ratio of Dalit Judges in the Supreme Court and High Courts are not in accordance with the population of SCs/STs; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and the concrete steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY):

(a), (b) and (c) : Appointment of Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts is made under articles 124 and 217 of the Constitution of India which do not provide for reservation for any caste or class of persons. Therefore, no information is maintained for caste or class etc.

The Government have, however, addressed letters to the Chief Ministers of the States and the Chief Justices of the High Courts from time to time requesting them to locate persons from the Bar belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, other Backward Classes, Minorities and Women who are suitable for appointment as High Court Judges.